

Zoals gewoonlijk bij de Britten wordt klein onderhoud door het squadron zelf uitgevoerd, groot onderhoud vindt plaats bij een onderhouds depot en/of modificaties bij de fabrikant of bij DARA Fleetlands. In het geval van de Merlin heeft het McD te RNAS Culdrose het zogenoemde Merlin Depth Maintenance Facility opgericht. Dit onderhouds depot is verantwoordelijk voor zowel de Royal Navy als de Royal Air Force Merlins.

Serial **Type** **c/n** **Dept** **Unit** **C-Code** **In** **Remark**

ZF641	EH101	50001/PP1	Ia	Culdrose	D	sep05	ff 08oct87, l/a SFDO at Culdrose since jun98
ZF644	EH101	50004/PP4	NY	w/o 07sep95	D	ff 15jun89, w/o 07apr95 due to tail rotor failure	
ZF647	EH101	50003/PP3	AF	pres Weston-super-Mare	D	ff 30sep88, ex G-EHIL (reg 091187/canx 28apr99), temp registered as ZF647 from sep93 until aug98, last flight on 18feb99, std Yeovil (18feb99/26nov99), by road to International Helicopter Museum at Weston-super-Mare on 26nov99	

ZF649	EH101	50005/PP5	NY	l/a Gosport	D	mar05	ff 24oct89, to Gosport/HMS Sultan, on 22dec90, to A2714, l/a AESS at Gosport/HMS Sultan
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ZH821	HM1	50011/RN01	NY	std Yeovil	D	mar05	ff 06mar96, ff 06dec95, used for development trials by GKN-Westland (later Agusta-Westland Ltd) following the crash of prototype PP7, std at Yeovil by feb95
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ZH822	HM1	50013/RN02	NY	Culdrose	D	sep05	ff 14jan97, used for trials by the manufacturer and DERA/RWTS, after the trials the helicopter was stored at Fleetlands until it moved to the Merlin Depth Maintenance Facility at RNAS Culdrose on 27sep05 where it will be prepared for squadron service
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ZH823	HM1	50017/RN03	NY	std Yeovil	D	sep03	ff 15sep97, used for trials by GKN-Westland (later Agusta-Westland Ltd) until stored at Yeovil by end '03
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ZH824	HM1	50021/RN04	NY	QinetiQ	D	oct04	ff 26nov97, used for trials by the manufacturer until handed over to DERA/RWTS in sep99, DERA/RWTS was absorbed by QinetiQ in jul01
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ZH825	HM1	50025/RN05	NY	Culdrose	D	sep05	ff 11mar98, std 17nov98, std Fleetlands from 13feb93 until 12ju05, by road to RNAS Culdrose in order to be prepared for squadron service by the Merlin Depth Maintenance Facility (arr 14ju05)
ZH826	HM1	50029/RN06	NY	Culdrose	D	sep05	ff 11mar98, std 11dec98, stripped for spares at Culdrose AMG between may01 and 02sep02, by road to Fleetlands for storage (02sep02/06ju05), again by road to RNAS Culdrose in order to be prepared for squadron service by the Merlin Depth Maintenance Facility (arr 07ju05)



Recent maakte de Royal Navy bekend dat zowel 814sq als 820sq in 2006 twee extra Merlin HM1 toestellen ter beschikking krijgen.

Hiermee komt het totale aantal toestellen per squadron op zes. Marco Dijksma wist één van de 820sq Merlins te fotograferen.

vloot Britse en buitenlandse helikopters opeerde.

ZH827	HM1	50037/RN07	NY	std Fleetlands	(580)	sep02	ff 08jul98, del 13aug99, std Fleetlands since 28nov01
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ZH828	HM1	50040/RN08	NY	821sq	(580)	oct05	ff 08sep98, del 21apr99
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ZH829	HM1	50043/RN09	NY	QinetiQ	(580)	jan06	ff 19mai99
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ZH830	HM1	50051/RN10	NY	700M OEJ	(580)	jan06	ff 01dec98
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ZH831	HM1	50053/RN11	NY	700M OEJ	(580)	sep05	ff 04feb99, del 11mar99
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ZH832	HM1	50057/RN12	NY	QinetiQ	(580)	sep05	ff 19mai99, del 05jul99, o/h with Merlin Depth Maintenance Facility
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ZH833	HM1	50061/RN13	NY	Culdrose	(580)	oct05	ff 03jun99, del 05jul99, o/h with Merlin Depth Maintenance Facility
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ZH834	HM1	50065/RN14	NY	700M OEJ	(580)	sep05	ff 30jul99, retained for trials with the manufacturer and DERA/RWTS until del 01may02
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ZH835	HM1	50067/RN15	NY	821sq	(580)	jan06	ff 10aug99, del 30sep99
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ZH836	HM1	50072/RN16	NY	824sq	(580)	jan06	ff 23aug98, del 28sep99
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ZH837	HM1	50074/RN17	NY	829sq	(580)	jan05	ff 23sep99, del 05nov99
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ZH838	HM1	50077/RN18	NY	700M OEJ	(580)	jan05	ff 02nov99, del 02dec99
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ZH839	HM1	50081/RN19	NY	824sq	(580)	oct05	ff 26nov99, del 03feb00
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ZH840	HM1	50085/RN20	NY	Culdrose	(580)	sep05	ff 30dec99, retained by manufacturer for modifications and trials, del 24jul02, o/h with Merlin Depth Maintenance Facility
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Retained by manufacturer for trials until ju01 when transferred to QinetiQ for further trials until 20nov02 when delivered to Culdrose AMG where prepared for squadron service

ZH841	HM1	50087/RN21	NY	820sq	(580)	CU-012	oct05
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ZH842	HM1	50091/RN22	NY	700M OEU	(580)	CU-537	nov05
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ZH843	HM1	50093/RN23	NY	820sq	(580)	CU-537	nov05
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ZH844	HM1	50101/RN24	NY	w/o 2/oct00	(580)	CU-537	nov05
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ZH845	HM1	50105/RN25	NY	814sq	(580)	CU-537	nov05
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ZH846	HM1	50109/RN26	NY	824sq	(580)	CU-537	jan06
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ZH847	HM1	50111/RN27	NY	Culdrose	(580)	sep05
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ZH848	HM1	50116/RN28	NY	829sq	(580)	jan06
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ZH849	HM1	50118/RN29	NY	824sq	(580)	oct05
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ZH850	HM1	50125/RN30	NY	829sq	(580)	oct05
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ZH851	HM1	50127/RN31	NY	824sq	(580)	jan06
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ZH852	HM1	50131/RN32	NY	829sq	(580)	oct05
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De eerste Merlin HM1 helikopters die afgeleverd werden aan de Royal Navy (Fleet Air Arm) werden door 700(M)sq gebruikt genomen. Later werd deze eenheid hernoemd tot 700M OEU. De hier afgebeelde ZH822 draagt geen squadron markings maar toen de foto genomen werd was het toestel eigenlijk van dit toestel maar ook die werd niet daadwerkelijk aangebracht.

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